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1. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREA US PROJECT CHAIRMAN
BUSTERUD SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO HIS COUNTERPART,
O. KOLBASOV, ON DECEMBER 4, 1974:

QUOTE DEAR OLEG:

DURING DR. IZRAEL'S RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, WE
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LEARNED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD ACCEPTED DR. THOMAS SCHOENBAUM

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AS THE U.S. SCHOLAR TO BEGIN THE SCHOLAR EXCHANGE UNDER AREA XI
OF THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OFFICIALLY
CONFIRMING THIS FACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH DETAILS ON
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

IT WAS DISAPPOINTING TO US TO LEARN THAT THE SOVIET SIDE IS
NOT PLANNING TO SEND ITS SCHOLAR TO THE UNITED STATES EARLY NEXT
YEAR AS WE HAD HOPED WOULD BE THE CASE. WE WOULD LIKE VERY
MUCH TO SEE THE SOVIET SCHOLAR DESIGNATED AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO BEGIN HIS STUDIES IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
DATE. AS IT IS, WE MAY HAVE TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
WITH A UNIVERSITY, RATHER THAN WITH THE WOODROW WILSON CENTER,
BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WOULD BE NO OBSTACLE.

WHILE IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS STILL LIKELY YOU WILL
BE THE FIRST SOVIET SCHOLAR UNDER THE PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE IT
IMPORTANT THAT WE BEGIN TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SOVIET
SCHOLARS. IF THEY ARE NOT PICKED FOR THE FIRST EXCHANGE, THEY
MIGHT STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LATER EXCHANGES; AND IN ANY EVENT
THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH THE U.S. SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
IN THE SOVIET UNION.

IN YOUR PAPER QUOTE SOVIET LEGAL DOCTRINE RELATIVE TO PROTECTION
OF THE ENVIRONMENT END QUOTE, YOU CITE TWO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW BOOKS

PUBLISHED IN THE USSR. THESE ARE QUOTE THE PROTECTION OF NATURE
IN THE SOVIET UNION END QUOTE BY G. N. NOLIANSKY. DO YOU THINK
ANY OF THESE AUTHORS WOULD BE QUALIFIED TO BE A SOVIET SCHOLAR
IN THE UNITED STATES. OBVIOUSLY, BEYOND EXPERIENCE IN SOVIET
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH WOULD BE NEEDED.
IF YOU DO NOT FEEL ANY OF THESE ARE SUFFICIENTLY QUALIFIED,
CAN YOU SUGGEST ANY OTHERS?

I HAD HOPED TO SEE YOU IN DECEMBER AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING
OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BUT REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT I WILL
NOT BE ABLE TO BE THERE AT THAT TIME. SINCERELY, JOHN BUSTERUD,
MEMBER END QUOTE

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2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED INFORMALLY THAT SOVIET SIDE
HAD ACCEPTED DR. SCHOENBAUM, WE HAVE YET TO BE INFORMED OF THIS
OFFICIALLY SO WE CAN BEGIN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM. WE
HAD HOPED TO HAVE A RESPONSE TO THE BUSTERUD LETER BY NOW,
PARTICULARLY ON THIS MATTER. REQUEST SCIENCE COUNSELOR CONTACT
KOLBASOV AND KOUVSHINNIKOV OF TYDROMET TO EXPLAIN NEED FOR
OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE SCHOENBAUM AS EXCHANGE SCHOLAR. WE HAVE
REPEATED TEXT OF LETTER IN CASE IT HAS NOT YET REACHED KOLBASOV.

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3. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM SOVIET SIDE THAT SINCE LAST AUGUST WHEN WE TRANSMITTED INFORMATION ON SCHOENBAUM AND HIS PROJECT TO THEM, HE HAS TOLD US THAT HE DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE HIS FAMILY WITH HIM AND ACCORDINGLY HOPES TO SHORTEN HIS STAY IN THE USSR, FROM MAY UNTIL AUGUST 1. HIS WIFE, HOWEVER, MAY JOIN HIM FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF HIS STAY, BUT HIS CHILDREN DEFINITELY WILL NOT ACCOMPANY. KISSINGER

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